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USDA REMOVES 37 FIELDS FROM THE POTATO CYST NEMATODE QUARANTINE AREA IN IDAHO

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that it has made changes to the area in the state of Idaho that is quarantined to prevent the spread of potato cyst nematode. The description of the quarantined area was updated on Dec. 9, 2008, when 20 fields were removed, and on Jan. 14, 2009, when 17 additional fields were removed. The fields removed from quarantine were in Bingham, Bonneville and Jefferson counties. These actions removed a total of 3,329 acres from quarantine.

The notice of changes to the quarantined area is scheduled for publication in the April 10 *Federal Register*.

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